

it could all be resolved like a Xmas movie
by the simple act of forgiving
it's a lie
sometimes it takes great will-power
NOT to forgive someone
who makes a practice of hurting you

THIS EDITOR

she likes surrealism
but it has to be coherent
yeah
a psychotic is cool
as long as there's a little self-control

GOING BACK SEVEN

Boston to St Pete
cancer eating his guts
his mouth puckered & he was gone
I put what was left in the ground
his daughter picked up the money
he'd already told me I had nothing coming
he taught me how to read
pointed out the character actors of the '30s
how to distinguish the different instruments
& how to sing in 2-part harmony
mostly I learned how not to be
a father & a husband
he left in '61
died in '81
& he's making more sense all the time

— John Levin

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CLOWN DEATH: 1

the painted grin
turns to a just
apparent grimace

CLOWN DEATH: 2

somewhat surprised
the clown falls
and does not rise

— M. K. Book

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